

Dear California Department of Transportation,

My name is Eric Edgerton and I am writing to you on behalf of the Antelope Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee, RPAC. At our last meeting on November 3, 2022, the RPAC discussed traffic safety on Highway 395 with Mr. Downard from CalTrans District 9. Our group voiced specific concerns about an increase in drivers using the center turn lane in Walker and to pass other vehicles. This, along with excessive speed, is creating a dangerous situation for both drivers and pedestrians.

There needs to be some action taken to prevent illegal use of the center turn lane and speeding in these areas. We do not want to have to wait until there is a major accident or fatality for CalTrans to act. While increased CHP enforcement can certainly help, it is not a long term solution to what is a physical roadway problem.

We are requesting the CalTrans preforms a survey of traffic signs and safe speed in the business district of Walker. We request a response in writing of what designs, actions or activities are available to correct this dangerous situation. The Antelope Valley RPAC is looking forward to working with Caltrans on this issue.

Best regards,

Eric Edgerton

Antelope Valley RPAC Chairman